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August 11, 2005

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Box 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Application of Fonix Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-based Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in the State of South Carolina (SCPSC Docket No. 2005-192-C)

#### Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (the "Coalition") an original and ten (10) copies of an executed Stipulation between the Coalition and the Applicant, in the above-referenced docket. By copy of this letter and Certificate of Service appended to the Stipulation, I am serving all parties of record.

Please clock in a copy of the Stipulation and return it by our courier.

Should you have any questions with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Margaret M. Fox

Enclosures

cc: John J. Pringle, Jr.

Florence P. Belser, Esquire

#### **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see attachment "A" for list of companies) and Fonix Telecom, Inc. ("Fonix") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, SCTC does not oppose Fonix's Application. SCTC and Fonix stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Fonix, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.
- 2. Fonix stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize Fonix to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.
- 3. Fonix stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.
- 4. Fonix stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, unless and

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9. Fonix hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this the day of fugure

Fonix Telecom, Inc.

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#### ATTACHMENT A

### South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies for Purposes of Local Service Stipulation

ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc.

Chesnee Telephone Company

Chester Telephone Company

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Ft. Mill Telephone Company

Home Telephone Company, Inc.

Lancaster Telephone Company

Lockhart Telephone Company

McClellanville Telephone Company

Norway Telephone Company

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Pond Branch Telephone Company

Ridgeway Telephone Company

Rock Hill Telephone Company

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

St. Stephen Telephone Company

West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Williston Telephone Company

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	and Necessity to Provide Resold and	)	
	Facilities-based Interexchange and Local	)	
	Exchange Telecommunications Services	)	CERTIFICATE OF
in the State of South Carolina	)	SERVICE	
		)	

I, ElizaBeth A. Blitch, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Stipulation upon the following party of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid to:

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